

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Erickson, Ed Koslowski, Ken Corry, Duane Pierce, Jerry Polus, Joan Brusky

EXCUSED: Kerry Metoxen

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Ed Koslowski to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of May 15, 2018.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ed Koslowski to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Jerry Polus informed there were not any new cards issued during the last month, nor did any new businesses join the program. He will have a representative of the Register of Deeds Office at the Fair to sign veterans up for the program on the spot.

5. Discussion re: 2018 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.
a. Distribution of posters and tickets.

Erickson informed he has ordered the dog tags but has not received them yet. Polus said he has the posters ready and provided the group with a copy, attached. He also informed he had 500 tickets printed but asked that people not distribute them yet as it is too early and people tend to lose them or forget about them when they are distributed too early. Koslowski informed he has received requests for tickets from some of the groups who will have a table in the tent. Erickson informed he will be visiting each of the local reserve units early in July to let them know about the event in case they want to alter their drill times to allow people to attend.

Brusky asked when Polus would like the posters to go up and Polus responded that posters could be put up at any time. A discussion followed regarding places to hang posters. Polus distributed a list of those organizations he has asked to participate in the event by having a table in the tent, a copy of which is attached. Koslowski said he has received commitments from three organizations to participate, but noted that it is still early.

Polus informed he has not found a guest speaker and asked for suggestions. He thought asking an officer from the Reserves or Guard may be a good idea. Erickson said he can ask at the National Guard and Army Reserve when he visits them in July. Koslowski also informed we do not have a color guard yet. Corry suggested we check with Bravo Company on Military Avenue for this.

Erickson distributed a copy of the certificate that will be handed out to Reservists and Guard members, a copy of which is attached. The copy center will print 250 certificates to go with the dog tags.

6. Discussion re: Possibility of holding a Veterans' Fair midway through the year.

Erickson recalled this was discussed at the last meeting. Corry noted the Vets Center will be holding an event in August and Polus noted that UWGB is also having one in November. Brusky said the reason she brought this up was that it may be a good idea to hold something that is not in the summer. She suggested this subcommittee could possibly assist at the events that are already being organized by different groups.

Brusky said she talked to the Packers about the possibility of hosting a Veterans' Fair at Lambeau Field and it sounded like they would not help out, but would possibly put some money toward a rental space or food and beverages if the subcommittee already had a budget for the event. She was also advised by the Packers that if we were looking for a full-fledged event they could put us in touch with a non-profit organization that provides grants for outreach events. Polus said the event at UWGB may very well meet the needs of an event mid-year. Erickson agreed with what Brusky said earlier that perhaps this group could provide some sort of help to UWGB if they need it.

7. Discussion re: Future plans for transitional housing for veterans.

Erickson recalled this was discussed briefly at the last meeting. He said at one time Cardinal Management had talked about doing some expansion to the Veterans Manor at some point down the road, but that was a number of years ago and he is not aware of anything going on with that at this time. Polus said he is aware there is new housing project that is not veteran specific, but he does not have any additional information because the project is at least a year away.

8. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

Polus informed that he and Kerry Metoxen met recently with hotel staff at the Radisson and reserved 25 rooms for those who may be coming from out of town for the Flight of Champions Honor Flight on November 1. Polus has since learned that a benefactor has agreed to pick up the entire cost of the 25 rooms plus 2 conference rooms that have been reserved for activities the night before the flight. He does not know who the benefactor is, but is very pleased about this. Polus has also been assured by Metoxen that parking for the welcome home celebration will not be a problem. Brusky asked if there is anything this group can do other than show up for the welcome home ceremony and Polus said not at this time, however, he will let us know if that changes.

9. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Brusky, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce, Corry).

-Erickson shared a video he received recently with the group. The video showed a program at Pearl Harbor where survivors of the sinking of the USS Arizona are interred on the USS Arizona upon their death. The memorial service and interment of deceased USS Arizona Survivors is conducted on the USS Arizona Memorial and includes a committal service, interment, rifle salute, TAPS, flag presentation, and plaque presentation and the urns of the deceased are placed in the well of barrette.

-Brusky referenced the grill that was donated last year as a prize for the Fair and asked if we should be looking to have a similar donation made this year. She will also go back to the places she got donations from last year to check to see if they will donate again this year. Erickson said he will talk to Home Depot about the possibility of them donating something and will let this group know if it works out. Polus also noted that someone donated a 40" TV to his office which can be used as a prize at the Fair.

-Koslowski informed he attended the Flag Day ceremony at the Duck Creek VFW and was talking with the new Commander of American Legion 518, Doug Santy. Santy is also associated with the veterans' memorial by the Arena and informed Koslowski that the memorial located between the Arena and Shopko Hall is going to have to be removed because of the upcoming construction. Koslowski suggested the memorial be moved to the area of the larger memorial but was told that would not be possible as the intent was to sell more bricks for the larger

memorial. The memorial that has to be moved was put up by Amvets Post 11 and dedicated to the veterans of Brown County many years ago. Erickson noted that discussions have been had at Committees and the County Board about the veteran aspect of the Arena project and said the veteran aspect will definitely be incorporated into the new facility. He will follow up on this and keep this group advised.

Koslowski also informed that the Amvets Convention will be held this coming weekend.

-Pierce informed the 13th annual Pearly Gates ride will be held on July 14. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am and the ride will follow. This year Iraq veterans are being honored. The party following the ride will begin at 5:00 pm. and will include a raffle with first prize being \$15,000 cash. Second place is \$10,000 cash followed by \$5,000 cash for third place as well as a number of smaller cash prizes.

Pierce also reminded the group that the travelling wall will be coming to Crivitz over Labor Day weekend and he will provide more information as it becomes available.

-Corry did not have anything to report other than to thank this group for all they do for veterans.

10. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

11. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ed Koslowski to adjourn at 4:54 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist

BROWN COUNTY FAIR

Sunday, August 19th, 2018

MILITARY AND VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

Free All Day Admission for Military and
Veterans and Guest

(Midway Rides Not Included)

Additional guests to include midway rides - \$7.00

**HONORING
CURRENT &
FORMER NATIONAL
GUARD MEMBERS
& RESERVISTS**



**Meet & Greet Area Veteran Organizations
& Representatives on VA Benefit Programs**

10 AM to 3 PM

Veterans Program @ 3 PM

Commemorative Ceremony for

Current & Former National Guard Members & Reservists



**Music by Monterey Trail Acoustic
2-3 PM and following the
Veterans Program**

Advance Tickets Required & Available at

**Brown County
Veterans Office**

305 E. Walnut St. RM. 300

**Aging Disability &
Resource Center**

300 S. Adams St.

**GB VA Clinic
2851 University Ave.**

**Vets Center
1600 S. Ashland Ave.**

**Sponsored by Brown County Veterans Recognition Committee,
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Brown County Fair Association**

PARTICIPANTS FOR THE VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY AT THE BROWN CO. FAIR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

1. GREEN BAY CLINIC –MICHELLE KULICK
2. WVH-KING – KEN FALSTAD
3. VA REGIONAL OFFICE, MILWAUKEE - STEVE FRANZEL
4. DEB THIBAudeau – WIS MILITARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER
5. VETS CENTER – SCOTT AND BROOKE
6. SSVF – BILL KERKER
7. JOB CENTER – BRIAN MARQUARDT
8. WDVA- KEN CORY
9. KRISTY VAN LANEN –CORNERSTONE MORTGAGE-FEDERAL VA HOME
LOANS
10. BROWN CO. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
11. UWGB-ELAINA KOLTZ
12. NWTC- ANDREA FOX-TENTATIVE

HONORING ALL
RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARD
PAST AND PRESENT
OF BROWN COUNTY



★ ARMY ★ NAVY ★ AIR FORCE ★ MARINES ★ NATIONAL GUARD ★

AUGUST 19, 2018

In recognition of your honorable service in the armed forces of our country, we, the citizens of Brown County, express our sincere appreciation of your sacrifice, courage, and willingness to serve our great County, State and Nation. We are proud of you and thank you for your contribution to the defense of freedom.



Thank You
For YOUR SERVICE to OUR COUNTRY

Troy J. Streckenbach
County Executive

Patrick W. Moynihan, Jr.
Chair, Brown County Board of Supervisors

Bernie J. Erickson
Chair, Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee

Jerry E. Polus
Brown County Veterans Service Officer

Supporting Our Troops ★ Remembering Our Veterans
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